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Ruling Against Perjury Trial on Appeal

DA Jim Garrison's appeal of an order by Federal District Judge Hebert W. Christenberry blocking the trial of businessman Clay L. Shaw on a perjury charge is scheduled to be heard Feb. 24 by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Christenberry issued an injunction against Garrison's prosecution of Shaw, holding that the charge has brought in bad faith and for purposes of harassment.

Garrison filed the perjury case on the contention that Shaw lied when he testified that he never knew Lee Harvey Oswald, accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, and David W. Ferrie, who was named as co-conspirator in Garrison's prosecution of Shaw for allegedly conspiring to kill the president.

Shaw was acquitted of the conspiracy charge in 1969 but Garrison filed the perjury charge two days after the jury brought in its verdict.